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MEMORANDUM:

NEW YORK NOV 14, REUTER-- "NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE SAID TODAY PRESIDENT NIXON HAD WRITTEN A SUPER SECRET MEMORANDUM SHARPLY CRITICIZING THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE NET WORK FOR A SERIES OF FIVE RECENT FAILURES.

THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE SAID THE REAL REASONS FOR NIXON'S RE-ORGANIZATION OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES WERE SPELLED OUT IN METICULOUS DETAIL IN THE TOP-SECRET DOCUMENT.

NEWSWEEK SAID THE PRESIDENTIAL MEMO REBUKED U.S. INTELLIGENCE FOR RUNAWAY BUDGETS, SUPPLYING MORE FACTS THAN ANALYSIS, AND FOR JUST PLAIN FAULTY INTELLIGENCE.

NIXON, THE REPORT SAID, SINGLED OUT FIVE MAIN FAILURES:

--FAILURE TO PREDICT THE FEROCITY OF NORTH VIETNAMESE RESISTANCE TO THE LAOTIAN CAMPAIGN EARLIER THIS YEAR;

--MISINFORMATION THAT LED TO AN ELAGORATELY-PLANNED COMMANDO RAID ON AN EMPTY PRISONER OF WAR CAMP AT SON TAY(WHICH, SAYS NEWSWEEK, STILL RANKLES THE WHITE HOUSE);

--INCORRECT ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF VIET CONG WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES FLOWING THROUGH THE CAMBODIAN PORT OF SIHANOUKVILLE;

-RELATED DISCOVERY OF RUSSIAN-BUILT SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES THAT SUDDENLY SPROUTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST CEASE-FIRE ZONE LAST YEAR;

-- AND AN EIGHT-MONTH DELAY IN THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS WHILE THE WHITE HOUSE TRIED TO SORT OUT INTELLIGENCE DISCREPANCIES ON HOW WELL THE U.S. COULD DETECT POSSIBLE SOVIET VIOLATIONS OF ANY ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT.

REFERRING TO HOW NIXON RECEIVES HIS DAILY INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING, NEWSWEEK SAID THAT EARLY EVERY MORNING A BLACK PLYMOUTH CAR FROM THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) DELIVERS A STIFF, GREY, LEGAL-SIZED FOLDER MARKED PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEFING TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

ONLY THREE OTHER COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE DELIVERED--ONE TO SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM ROGERS, ONE TO DEFENSE SECRETARY MELVIN LAIRD, AND ONE TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL JOHN MITCHELL.

BUT THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT BOTHER TO READ HIS COPY OF THE TOP SECRET REPORT. INSTEAD HE ASKS HIS ADVISOR HENRY KISSINGER, TO SUMMARIZE IT FOR HIM, NEWSWEEK CLAIMED.

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